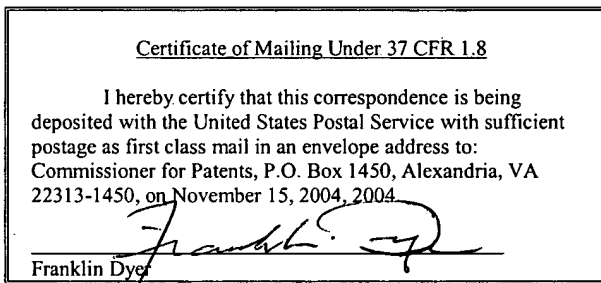


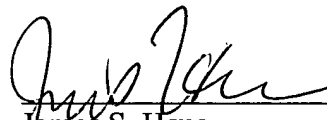
REMARKS

Claim 1 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,971,587, granted to Kato et al. Attached is a terminal disclaimer pertaining to Patent No. 5,971,587. The double patenting rejection is thus believed to have been obviated.

Claims 21-51 have been added to more adequately cover the invention. Claims 1 and 21-51 are presently pending in the application. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested and an early indication of the allowability of all of the claims is earnestly solicited.



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